

# RIGGS NATIONAL BANK BREAKS ITS SILENCE

Replies to Statements Concerning Alleged Investigation Into Stock Transactions.

## OFFICERS ADMIT DEALINGS

But Deny Any Transactions by Bank Itself—Affidavit and Argument of Counsel in Open Court Made No Secret of What Occurred.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The policy of silence followed by the officers of the Riggs National Bank and its counsel since its controversy with Treasury officials was submitted to the court, after argument lasting through six days, was broken to-day in a reply to certain statements that have been published that the district attorney was investigating the stock transactions appearing on the books of the failed firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. in the name of the Riggs National Bank. It seems that this investigation, if it is being made, relates to what is alleged to be false statements in an affidavit that was filed on behalf of bank officials relating to these stock transactions.

At the hearing before Justice McCoy, Samuel Undermyer, counsel for Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller John Skelton Williams, implied that the Riggs Bank had bought and sold stock for its own account.

"No such transaction had ever taken place," says the statement issued by counsel for the bank this afternoon. To meet that charge, the affidavit, which continues the statement, "the affidavit made by President Charles C. Glover, Vice-President William J. Flaherty and Cashier Henry H. Flaherty was filed. The affidavit did not deny, and was not meant to deny, that there were transactions between the officers of the bank and the firm of Lewis Johnson & Co., but it did deny the bank itself had bought or sold stocks and bonds for its own account, and counsel for the bank explicitly stated in open court that this was the purpose of the affidavit. There was no possibility of misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the affidavit while the court hearing was still in progress and before any decision of the court on any of the issues had been rendered.

"For years the officers of the bank, on behalf of individual customers and at times on their own behalf, transacted the purchases and sales of stocks through local brokers having New York Stock Exchange connections, among which was the firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. There was never any concealment about the transactions thus conducted and, therefore, never any intention, in court or elsewhere, to deny their existence. Year after year national bank examiners have repeatedly examined the books of the bank, which clearly exhibited the course of these transactions. Prior to the pending litigation, reports made by the bank to the Comptroller of the Currency informed his office precisely how customers had been accommodated in the making of their investments since the bank's organization."

## OPINION FROM TWO OF LEADERS OF BAR

The statement then goes on to say that in view of rumors subsequent to the trial, that the affidavit was questioned, and in order that the directors of the bank might be fully informed, counsel for the bank procured opinions from J. J. Darlington and William G. Johnson, two of the leaders of the Washington bar, each of whom says that "the affidavit is not only not the subject of prosecution, but is not open to criticism of any kind."

Mr. Darlington holds that the affidavit can only be construed as meaning that the bank never at any time, on its own account, bought or sold any stock whatever from or to the firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. "The fact that a statement by counsel was submitted setting forth the purpose of the affidavit when it was filed," Mr. Darlington says, "should, in my opinion, be itself decisive of the question." That the affidavit was so understood by the government through its counsel, and was not open to any charge of falsity, if the agent or broker of any person or corporation, if, as I assume, the statement in the affidavit as thus construed be true, possibly be based upon it, whatever the bank may have done as the agent or broker of others."

## LEAPS 200 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Man Seeking "Movie" Contract, Jumps From Brooklyn Bridge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, May 20.—In hopes of getting a "movie" contract, a man believed to be Henry Clark, of Philadelphia, to-day climbed the cables to Manhattan tower, the highest point of the city, and leaped. He struck the water 200 feet below on his back, paddled helplessly for less than a minute, and then sank. His body has not been recovered.

About the time the man jumped, a woman who said she was Mrs. Katherine Clark, of 3833 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, was asking the police to keep a lookout for her husband, Henry Clark, a machinist and high diver, who had come to New York last night with the expressed intention of jumping from the highest point of the bridge.

Two policemen chased Clark up the cables, but he had too great a start for them to reach him in time.

## LASSEN PEAK IN ERUPTION

Another Flow of Boiling Mud Pours Down Sides of Volcano.

REDDING, Cal., May 20.—Lassen peak burst into violent eruption again to-day. Another flow of boiling mud is reported pouring down the sides of the volcano.

Fears are felt for the safety of many investigators in the danger zone.

# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HAS FINE WAR HONOR ROLL

Enormous Percentage of Killed in Casualty Lists Went Out From Classic Walls.

## SOLDIERS FILL THE STREETS

Thousands of Troops Still Quartered in College Town, Although Numbers of Regiments Have Already Crossed Water.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

CAMBRIDGE, ENG., May 20.—As far as Cambridge is concerned in this terrible war, the outstanding fact is the enormous percentage of killed in the casualty list of our members. Since the last issue of the Cambridge Review, a month ago, the roll of honor has registered 115 casualties; of these, sixty-six are killed, forty-two wounded and eight either prisoners or missing.

The Cambridge Review has published a complete "war list," containing the names of all Cambridge men who are serving. The fourth edition will contain nearly 8,000 names. Four of the English regiments who have been placed under arrest in Germany as a "reprisal" are Cambridge men.

It is inadvisable to select from those who are gone, but a word must be said about Rupert Brooke, one of the very few poets who have been killed in the war. When he came up from Rugby his reputation had already preceded him. He hoped in publishing his poetry in the Cambridge Review, and his first contribution, "The Call," heralded a new and powerful writer.

No man was more certainly marked out as the future champion of the chair of English literature, to be attained by brilliant achievement. All these hopes lie buried in the grave at Lemnos, and nothing remains but the prose and verse, the example of his sacrifice, and the memory of his perfect human charm.

The narrow streets of Cambridge, hedged about with empty lodgings, are filled with soldiers. At the moment many thousands of troops here, and although a number of regiments have crossed the water, since last term, others have taken their place. On all hands one hears that the training of the soldiers is excellent, and as far as personal observation goes, this verdict is true. The activities of the Officers Training Corps are unabated.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GOES ON BUSILY ON

The work of the corps this term is, as before, twofold. There is the school of instruction, to which 200 young officers at a time are sent for a month's course before joining their battalions in the new armies. The corps have gone on continuously since December, and it seems likely that they will be needed for many months yet. The corps has also still between 200 and 300 officers of its own, the remainder of the 500 who were on the roll in October last. The others have obtained commissions.

One of the by-products of the war is a great increase in the number of students who are now attending Russian and the university is grateful to the Fishmongers' Company, which has agreed to renew its grant of \$250 per annum to the university for the purpose of providing instruction in this language.

Several colleges now include Russian, Spanish and Italian as subjects on which entrance scholarships may be awarded. On the other hand, so many of the younger dons are away at the front that in some classes the university has had recourse to the very capable lectures of the women's colleges, some of whom are for the first time lecturing in the older college lecture-rooms.

As was the case during the last two terms, there will be no official games. The treasurer of the Cambridge University Cricket Club has announced that there will be no cricket matches.

## DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Robert Judson Camp.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FRANKLIN, Va., May 20.—Robert Judson Camp, one of the most widely known and best loved lumbermen in the South, died at his home here to-night at 10:45 o'clock, after a critical illness of about two weeks, aged sixty years. Mr. Camp was secretary and treasurer of the Camp Manufacturing Company from its organization up to the time of his death, and was one of five brothers, three of whom survive him.

Mr. Camp had been suffering from rheumatism for five or six years, and had spent much of his time for the past few years at health resorts. He returned from Hot Springs, Ark., about two weeks ago, having been at the resort since Christmas.

He leaves the following relatives: a widow, who was Miss Cora Antoinette Vaughan; one son, Vaughan, and one daughter, Anne; one day camp; three brothers, Paul D. Camp and James I. Camp, of Franklin, and Dr. Benjamin P. Camp, of White Springs, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Jennie S. Norfleet, of Franklin; a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Franklin Baptist Church, the services to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. McCutcheon. Interment will take place in Popular Springs Cemetery.

In the death of Mr. Camp, Franklin lost one of its best and most prominent citizens.

Mr. Camp was born near here on November 3, 1854. Coming to this country at the Buckhorn Academy, Hertford County, N. C., and at the University of Virginia. Being engaged for a while in the lumber business in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida, he joined his brothers, P. D. and J. L. Camp, in the organization of the Camp Manufacturing Company, in 1887, holding the position of secretary and treasurer until his death. He was also an officer and large stockholder in the Marion County Lumber Corporation, Marion, S. C.; R. J. and B. F. Camp Lumber Company, White Springs, Fla.; Judson Lumber Company, Carabelle, Fla.; and other manufacturing interests. He was one of the organizers of the North Carolina Pine Association, and was a vice-president and director in the organization for many years, and last year was unanimously elected president, but declined on account of ill health.

Thomas W. Spradling.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—Thomas W. Spradling, aged sixty-six, died at 1 o'clock at the University Hospital, from the effects of burns sustained about ten days ago, while on a visit to friends here. His return from New York to his home in Charleston, W. Va., was made on the train, and he was in the hospital for several days. He was survived by four children—Messrs. J. E. and Thomas Spradling, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. Robert Joachim and Miss Marie Spradling, of New York City.

# WHAT WARRING NATIONS CLAIM IN THEIR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

## French.

PARIS, May 20.—The French official statement to-night was as follows:

"In Belgium, upon the right bank of the Yser Canal, our troops have carried all the German trenches of slope of hill No. 17. In the region of Pilleken we have taken fifty prisoners and three mitrailleuses. We have also repelled a counter-attack.

"In the region to the north of Arras the violent artillery fight has continued. We have attacked on the southeast of Beuville-St. Vaast, that extensive work known as the labyrinth. The attack has been extremely violent, and we have progressed 400 meters and taken many prisoners, among them several officers.

"In the neighborhood of Bois-le-Preire we have captured new trenches and taken fifty prisoners. "In Alsace, at Schneppenleith, we have repelled an attack and captured, in rolling back the enemy, one of their trenches. We have also taken a mitrailleuse and two bomb throwers.

The afternoon statement merely said: "There is nothing to add to our previous report."

## The Dardanelles.

PARIS, May 20.—An official review of the Dardanelles operations from May 4 to 14, issued to-night, says that towards midnight of the 4th, the Turks, in strong force, made a desperate effort to drive the French into the sea. The report states:

"Wave after wave of Ottoman infantry threw themselves on our bayonets. The French had received orders not to fire. In fact, our first-line troops had no cartridges.

"When morning broke, revealing heaps of the enemy troops stretched on the ground, our line had not flinched an inch.

"On May 6 we began an assault on a spur commanding the Turkish lines, which we carried after three days of battle, seizing two lines of trenches and a redoubt on the summit, captured beneath a hail of shrapnel, machine gun and rifle fire. Subsequent Turkish counterattacks to regain the position failed, with heavy loss to them."

## Russian.

PETROGRAD, May 20.—Official statement:

"In the Shavli region, forces of the enemy retiring from Bubiye were engaged on Thursday on the Kurtyovany-Podubis line. Our troops on Friday occupied the enemy's positions, driving the Germans from Kurtyovany, which was in flames. The enemy retired in disorder, pursued by our troops.

"On the lower Dubissa the enemy's attacks have ceased.

"The enemy on Thursday developed a strong artillery fire in the Ossowice district, without causing much damage.

"There is no change in the situation in the desperate battle on the

## Items of Interest About the Reunion

Bronze Bust of General Beauregard to Be Unveiled at Confederate Museum To-Day.

In the Louisiana room of the Confederate Museum this morning at 10 o'clock a bronze bust of General P. G. T. Beauregard, the gift of the Louisiana room of the Junior Confederate Memorial Association, of New Orleans, will be presented. Captain John Lamb, president of the association, will make the speech of presentation, and the bust will be received by W. O. Hart, of New Orleans. All visitors will be made welcome.

MACON, Ga., May 20.—Governor-Elect Nat. E. Harris, General J. W. Preston, commander of the Georgia Division of the United Confederate Veterans and staff, together with veterans from Middle and Southern Georgia, left here late to-day on a special train for Richmond to attend the Confederate Reunion. The Macon Drum and Bugle Corps and his bands from Moultrie and Dublin are on the same train.

General Robert White, of Wheeling, W. Va., telegraphed yesterday to Lieutenant-Governor J. E. Taylor, Elyson, whose guest he was to have been during Reunion Week, that he was painfully ill, and would be unable to attend.

General White has been for some years a member of the board of directors of the Confederate Memorial Institute, and was the orator at the laying of the cornerstone.

Mr. Elyson said to-night that Richmond owed more to General White than to any other man for having secured the location of that great memorial to the Confederate cause in Richmond.

General White is the father of Mrs. Charles M. Ferrell, of Richmond.

Members of the famous Stonewall Brigade, who attend the Confederate Reunion will march together under a Stonewall banner in the grand parade on Thursday. A committee of survivors of this famous command is working on plans for a meeting of the survivors at some convenient point during Reunion Week.

T. P. Patterson, advance delegate from Camp Henry D. Clayton, No. 432, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived yesterday and opened headquarters for the camp at Murphy's Hotel. He expected this morning at 9 o'clock special train from Birmingham bearing 500 Alabama veterans, with the maids and sponsors for that State, accompanied by a band of twenty pieces.

Sister Esther Carrolita, president of the Florida Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, announces the appointment of Mrs. Christine Thieson, an officer of Pensacola Chapter, No. 298, United Daughters of the Confederacy, as matron of honor and official representative of the Florida Division to the Richmond Reunion. Mrs. Thieson will also represent the Memorial Association of Pensacola, and will stop at the Hotel Richmond.

Notwithstanding the fact that to-day is a legal holiday, the State Capitol will be kept open to visitors by special instructions of Colonel John

# TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR LEAGUE OF PEACE

Committee of 100 Prominent Men of Country Issues Call for Conference.

## TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

Plan Is Largely Idea of Former President Taft, and Is Understood to Have Personal, Though Unofficial, Indorsement of Wilson.

NEW YORK, May 20.—A committee of 100 prominent men of the country, headed by William H. Taft, have issued a call for a conference to be held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, June 15, to consider the adoption of proposals for a league of peace, or league of nations.

It is proposed, according to the text of the call made public to-night, that the United States shall become one of a league of powers which shall agree to use their joint military forces to prevent any one of their number from going to war with another before recourse is had to a judicial tribunal, or, where the question in dispute is not justiciable, to an international council of conciliation.

The plan is largely the idea of Mr. Taft, who will preside at the conference and is understood to have the personal, though unofficial indorsement of President Wilson, the announcement said.

The movement had its origin in a series of private meetings held at the Century Club here during the winter, attended by Mr. Taft, President Lowell of Harvard University, Professors George W. Kitchin and John Bates Clark, of Columbia, Darwin P. Kinsley, John Hays Hammond, Albert Shaw, Hamilton Holt, James M. Beck and others, who are among the signers of the call. Its text, which is said to have been the work of Mr. Taft, reads:

"It is desirable for the United States to join a league of all the nations which will become signatories to the following:

"First—All justiciable questions arising between the signatory powers not settled by negotiations shall be submitted to a judicial tribunal for hearing and judgment, both upon the merits and upon any issue as to its jurisdiction of the question.

"Second—All non-justiciable questions arising between the signatories and not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to a council of conciliation for hearing, consideration and recommendation.

"Third—The signatory powers shall jointly use their military forces to prevent any one of their number from going to war with another of the signatory powers. Against another of the signatory powers any question arising shall be submitted as provided in the foregoing.

"Fourth—Conferences between the signatory powers shall be held from time to time to formulate and codify rules of international law, which, unless some signatory shall signify its dissent within a stated period shall thereafter govern in the decisions of the judicial tribunal mentioned in article 1."

It is stated that these proposals and the action that will be taken upon them by the Philadelphia conference are regarded by those associated with the former President in outlining the plan as vastly more important and ambitious than anything that has been undertaken hitherto by advocates of international peace. If adopted, they will carry out to a large extent, it is said, certain ideas presented by British peace advocates and endorsed by Viscount Bryce. The proposal for an international council of conciliation for questions that are known as non-justiciable, that is, those questions which are not considered triable in a judicial tribunal, has not been discussed hitherto, it is asserted.

University and college presidents, the Governors of two States, educators, financiers, diplomats, lawyers and business men are among the signers who are described as a national provisional committee for a league of peace. They include Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia.

## MANY WAGE EARNERS IDLE

Report Shows Eleven Out of Every 100 Out of Work During March.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—More than eleven wage-earners in every 100 were out of employment, and about sixteen of the remainder were working only part time during March and the early part of April in fifteen important cities of the country, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced to-day in a report of unemployment.

Returns of a census of 399,581 families, including 644,258 wage-earners, showed 73,800, or 11.5 per cent, wholly unemployed and 106,652, or 16.5 per cent, without full time employment. All the cities investigated are in the East and Middle West.

## DEATHS

OLIVER.—Died, at the Virginia Hospital at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, JAMES FLAVY OLIVER, aged thirty-six. His father and mother, two brothers and two sisters survive.

The funeral will be conducted from Ridge Church at 11 o'clock Wednesday. Interment in the church cemetery.

ROBINETT.—Died, at the Virginia Hospital at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, CHARLES ROBINETT, aged thirty-six. His father and mother, two brothers and two sisters survive.

The funeral will be conducted from Ridge Church at 11 o'clock Wednesday. Interment in the church cemetery.

## MURDER NEAR APPALACHIA

Young Chauffeur Shot and Killed by Charles Robinett, Merchant.

BRISTOL, Va., May 20.—Charles Robinett, a merchant at Appalachia, Wise County, Va., shot and killed a young chauffeur named Carrier, near Appalachia at 7 o'clock this evening. Carrier, who operated a car between Appalachia and Stonega, struck Robinett, it is said, with his car as he left for Stonega in the afternoon. Arriving himself, Robinett is alleged to have waited Carrier's return. A quarrel followed, resulting in Robinett using his revolver. Robinett, who is married and has a family, was arrested.



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